

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**JUNE 19, 2018**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call.

**MINUTES:** Conner moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey said Sheehan will cover Mayor's items in his report.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that they received \$1,672.00 in mowing liens.

The budget meeting with DLGF is scheduled for August 9 at 8:30.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Smith informed Council that he signed a letter endorsing the recertification of the industrial park.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker said Nathan Davis began training at the police academy on Monday.

The improvements continue on the firing range.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said they have 2 sidewalks left to replace, then they will begin repairing catch basins.

**Fire:** Chief Jenkins said the pre-bid for the BEP properties will be July 10. They will open bids August 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Board of Works will award bids at their meeting that night.

We will be receiving \$15,000.00 for the 2017 Medicaid reimbursement. This is a 50% decrease from the previous years.

The work in the back bay area is complete.

**Park-** Director Burklow said they have repaired the pool pump. The pool was closed for 2 days in order to complete the repairs. He said they also need to replace the starter motor on the electric box that powers the pump. They have extended their hours at the pool and have received positive feedback.

Demolition on the skate park at the Carol Jenkins Davis Park has been completed except for removal of the asphalt.

The Park Board had a special meeting today to discuss the 2019 budget.

**Animal** – Mayor Pavey reported that the facility that was taking our euthanized animals will no longer take our animals due to the use of barbiturates in euthanasia. Dr. Jackman has offered an affordable rate. Cottrell has found a company that will pay us \$8.00 per euthanized cat for research purposes.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Annexation (Reddish Estate July, Massa, Philpot)** - We will act on the Massa annexation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in July. The Reddish annexation will be sometime in July after the estate opens.
2. **Stellar Overlook New Concept** – Jimmy Shanahan is checking to see if we need to do anything further.
3. **School Transfer of Real Estate** – The closing is set for July 27<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Historic Commission and Preservation Ordinance** – Nothing to do now.
5. **Honey Bee Ordinance 2018-9** - Mayor Pavey said he is trying to identify where hives may be. Newhouse has changed the boundaries. They would have to be in an industrial area and must have 20 acres. Newhouse said this is not a zoning ordinance.
6. **Center District Ambulance Contract** – Pavey said we are trying to understand what is being done. We were awarded the Center District, but it was then rescinded and we are in a holding pattern. We should know more after the June 25<sup>th</sup> Commissioner's meeting. We are prepared to move forward.
7. **Fire/Rescue-Fee and Mileage Rate Adjustment** – Newhouse will put together an ordinance.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Emerson/Copeland Tax Abatement** – Earl Jacobs came before Council for approval of the CF1's for Emerson. Smith moved to approve Emerson's CF1's. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance Creation Banning Registered Sex Offenders from Parks and City Pool** – After some discussion Berkemeier said we currently have nothing on the books for this and believes we are moving in the right direction with this ordinance. Cameron made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-11 **with the deletion of numbers 16, 17, 18, 19**. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **LWCF Application for Grant DNR** – Mayor Pavey said Bob Bronson with DNR suggested that we apply for this grant. It is a land and water conservation fund. He said this is a 50/50 match and requires Council's support. The funds would be used for the Overlook project. Smith moved to approve making application for the LWCF Grant. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Sheehan Report:**

1. All avenues of communication for updates are being utilized.
2. Retail replacement attractions. We do not own the Wal-Mart property. We are working with the owner. Population drives retail.
3. Stellar – We have purchased the old Taff building which will be a part of the Overlook project. We are looking for potential tenants.
4. Downtown Revitalization – Newhouse and the ECDC are renovating. We are still looking for properties. We are trying to fill vacant buildings.
5. Owner Occupied Program – We currently have 10 homes under contract. 2 homes will bid late in June. 1 home has an expanded program due to lead paint poisoning.
6. Gateway – Once status of the Overlook project is confirmed the project will proceed.
7. Streetscape – Custer Electric was awarded the bid. The notice to proceed should be issued this week. Work is expected to begin around mid-August to September.
8. Morgan Street Corridor – Preliminary field check is scheduled to occur in mid to late July. The current bidding date is not until July 2020. The proposed date to INDOT is to move to December 2019.
9. We have received annual funding for Stellar from the Foundation and the spring installment from the County.
10. City Center – We are at an 80% completion on the roof. They are working on the windows. The old stairway and elevator are gone. We hope for completion by the end of 2018.

11. Farmers Market – We had 20 plus vendors the first week. We have had music to entertain us. The interns have been assisting in set up and tear down each week. Lighting will be installed soon. There will be a movie there Friday night.
12. Ivy Tech – Working with Chad Bolser.
13. Wolfe Theater people have been attending the subcontractor meetings with us. They would like to be open before the holidays.
14. Industrial Park has had 2 major site visits.
15. Highway 3 – We are trying to push this along with the help of New Castle and Greensburg.
16. Cherry Street – We are still in the right-of-way phase.
17. We closed on the apartments last week. We are hoping to see building beginning next spring.
18. Campus Property – Laker is finishing up on their building.
19. Animal Shelter – We met on drainage.
20. Carol Davis Jenkins Park – The dog park has been successful.
21. Training Center – They are hanging dry wall and putting in the HVAC. They are looking towards a September–October opening.
22. BEP – We have been taking pictures to promote the program.
23. 217 N Main – Currently being used for storage.
24. The bank across from the Princess has been purchased.
25. The old Backs TV is potentially available.
26. O’Mara’s old gas station will be available soon.
27. Art – The Art Council will begin meeting soon.
28. Interns – We have 3 great workers this year. They are Gretchen Williams, Cloe Bretzlaff, and Barbara Hershberger. We enjoy bragging on our youth engagement.

**CLAIMS:** Smith moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.